

THE BULLETIN FOR FEBRUARY 2/3, 2019

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays	St. Columba, Iona	4 p.m.
Saturdays	St. Andrew's, Boisdale	5:30 p.m.
Saturdays	St. Mary's, Frenchvale	6 p.m.
Sundays	St. Michael's, Baddeck	9 a.m.
Sundays	Queen of the World, Wagmatcook	10:30 a.m.

ST. BARRA PARISH CONFIRMATION: The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Thursday, June 6, at 7 p.m. at St. Columba Church, Iona, with Bishop Dunn presiding. Eligible candidates (Grade 9 and up) are required to register by emailing stcolumba.iona@ns.sympatico.ca. or by phoning Josie at 902-725-2173. More information on classes, etc., will be determined when Fr. Vargheese returns from India. Please register soon as we would like to know how many books to order. Thank you.

175TH DIOCESAN HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: Bishop Dunn will be leading a group of people to the Holy Land in September. The trip will take place from September 1 - 12, 2019. Cost will be around \$4000. Brochures are available at the Emmaus Centre and at the Chancery Office. The Diocesan website has a registration form. Half registration is due on March 1. Limited space is available, so register soon. This pilgrimage will give participants an opportunity to grow tremendously in their relationship of faith.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH IN SYDNEY MINES is hosting the Amazing gRACE Youth Rally on April 6. Invitation is extended to Youth in Grades 9, 10, 11, 12, confirmation candidates, their catechists, deacons and priests are invited to join Holy Family Parish confirmation group for an Amazing Confirmation Retreat on April 6 in Sydney Mines. Father Gary George, CSSR, will be leading the retreat. He has been working as National Youth Director, and Vocation Director. Father Gary has a passion and calling for mission work and has conducted many retreats, workshops and parish missions around America, South Africa, and Europe in the last 27 years of his priesthood. Father Gary has dedicated his life to working with youth and will bring some of that energy and passion to our parishes. He promises that this retreat will be an unforgettable day for our youth. The Retreat will begin at 11 a.m. and will end after the 4 p.m. Mass. Please register your confirmation class by March 8 by emailing Norma Blinkhorn at norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca. The cost is \$10 per person. Please note young adults are also welcome to attend.

THERE ARE FIVE SUNDAYS UNTIL LENT: Did you know that it was once customary for each parish in the diocese to organize a Mission every four years? The purpose was to energize the faith community, instruct the laity on church teaching and bring new and distant Catholics back into the fold. New Lenten videos and resources in both English and French are now available. Interested? Ideas? Talk to your pastor, your faith formation coordinator, or Debbie Aker, catecheticalconsultant@dioceseofantigonish.ca

MASS FOR SHUT-INS: Sundays on CTV at 11:30 a.m.

THE MONTHLY DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER for February is now available on line at www.antigonishdiocese.com.

ST. MARY'S, FRENCHVALE: The winner of the \$1000 ticket draw was Donnie MacNeil of Frenchvale. A great big thank-you to all who participated.

BOISDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING: There will be a regular meeting of the Boisdale Historical Society at the Boisdale Fire Hall on Sunday, February 3, at 2.p.m. All are welcome.

ADULT CHAIR FITNESS CLASS: Starting on Thursday, Feb. 7 until April 11, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., St. Columba Church Centre, Iona. Participants will do aerobic, strength training and stretching exercises while seated in a chair. Bring light weights or two bottles of water to use as weights. Class suitable for persons with all ranges of mobility. Wear comfortable clothing and sneakers. Bring a bottle of water. Instructor: Theresa MacLean, PTS, FIS. If school is cancelled at Rankin School of the Narrows the class will be cancelled for the day. Cost: \$5 per class. Sponsored by: CCBCVI, Wellness Committee. For further information email: ccbcvi@gmail.com

THE IONA LEGION IS HOSTING A BENEFIT for Vic Osmond on Saturday, February 9, from 8 p.m. - midnight. Vic, who lives at the Senior's complex in Iona has been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. He faces all the challenges that come with a cancer diagnosis, including necessary trips to Boston for further research and treatment. We invite you to join us at the Legion for this fundraising event. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Music will be provided by Silver Moon. Admission is by donation and a light lunch will be provided. 19 yrs and over.

WINTER YOGA RETURNS – St. Columba Church Centre, Iona - daytime classes, starting Tuesday, Feb. 26, 10 - 11 a.m. and evening classes starting Wednesday, Feb. 27, 7 - 8 p.m. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat, blanket and water. Certified Yoga Instructor: Amber Buchanan. If school is cancelled at Rankin School of the Narrows the class will be cancelled for the day. Cost: \$5 per class. Sponsored by: CCBCVI, Wellness Committee. For further information email: ccbcvi@gmail.com

GRAND NARROWS WATERFRONT SOCIETY is planning an Anniversary celebration on July 21, 2019, to honour past and present ferrymen who worked on the ferry between Grand Narrows and Iona for 167 years. It closed in 1993. The Society is looking for any stories, pictures or memorabilia for this celebration. Please contact: Hoss MacKenzie, 902-725-2810, Juanita MacNeil, 902-623-1685, or any member of the Society.

YOGA is back for the winter session at the Boisdale Fire Hall on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. & on Fridays at 10 a.m. Classes are \$5 per session. Bring a mat, blanket & wear comfortable clothing. Call Anita at 902-871-2074 for more information.

EXERCISE CLASSES have resumed at the Boisdale Fire Hall on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Please wear comfortable clothing and appropriate footwear, and bring a water bottle. If you have any questions please call Marie MacSween at 902-578-9070.

8TH ANNUAL VICTORIA COUNTY WINTER ACTIVEFEST 2019 - Join us for a Snowshoe Hike, Snowman making and Skating (*weather permitting*), Rankin School of the Narrows, Saturday, Feb. 23, 1 - 3 p.m. Limited number of snowshoes available – Please pre-register by Feb. 20 and book snowshoes or bring your own - Contact cebcvi@gmail.com or phone Anne MacKenzie 902-322-4682. FUN for the whole family! Hot chocolate and healthy snack provided. Sponsored by Central Cape Breton Community Ventures, Wellness Committee and Naturally Active Victoria County. Supported by Hike Nova Scotia and Rankin School of the Narrows.

VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED for the Palliative Care Bereavement Program. This rewarding program offers volunteers the opportunity to work from the comfort of their homes and set their own schedules (approximately 1- 2 hours per week). The program asks for volunteers to place several phone calls to families suffering the loss of a loved one. There are no special skills required aside from being a good listener and having empathy for a family dealing with grief. Training is provided and interested candidates are asked to call Alan McDonald at 902-567-8137. Please leave a message with your name, address and telephone number.

MINISTRIES - ST. COLUMBA - Saturday, February 9 - 4 p.m. - Readers – Elizabeth MacNeil, Pauline Campbell. Eucharistic Ministers – Kaye-Anne MacNeil (The Bread), Angela MacDougall (The Cup), Francis MacKinnon (The Cup). Hospitality - Linda & Hugh MacKinnon, Pius Campbell, Neil James MacNeil. Altar Servers – Sarah, Simon, Rory.

MINISTRIES - ST. ANDREW'S - Saturday, February 9 - 5:30 p.m. - Readers - Fiona, Peggy. Eucharistic Minister - Anne. Hospitality - Rankin. Altar Server - Gerard.

MINISTRIES - ST. MICHAEL'S - Sunday, February 10 - 9 a.m. - Readers - Leona Perkins, Marlene MacLean. Eucharistic Minister - Mary Ivey. Church cleaner for the week of February 3 - Eileen Montgomery.

OFFERINGS

(Jan. 27/28)

	St. Columba	St. Mary's
Envelopes	\$ 615.00	\$ 307.00
Loose	81.00	14.75
Direct Deposit		245.00
Initial Off.	10.00	45.00
St. Col. Cem.	25.00	
Fuel	10.00	